

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON IN CHICAGO, ILL.

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on a variety of occasions, but I have never heard him to better effect. His tremendous earnestness as he appealed to his black auditors to have faith and to his white auditors to be just, was both contagious and thrilling. If there were any in that vast audience of people who had a doubt as to Mr. Washington's courage, who had not yet caught the inspiration of his earnestness or comprehended the wisdom of his high purposes, they must have gone away from that meeting changed and uplifted. The people who cheered him to the echo, when he repeated what he has so often said before that "the Negro must not surrender any of his God-given and fun-



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damental rights," were in the same breath reminded that "freedom is not a bequest, but a conquest."

After the lecture Mr. Washington was given an impromptu reception by the vast audience.

An Monday afternoon preceeding the lecture, Dr. and Mrs. Carey and



MR. GEO. C. HALL,
Chicago's Leading Physician.

the trustees of Quinn Chapel, tendered Mr. Washington an elaborate dinner at the home of the pastor. Those invited to dine with Dr. Washington were Bishop Grant, Emmet J. Scott, Booker T. Washington Jr., and S. Laing Williams.

The noonday meeting held in Bethel Church, on Tuesday, was both unique and interesting. It was thought by some, that after the great

outpouring of people to the Quinn Chapel demonstration on Monday night, and on account of the fact that a great majority of the people being employed at that hour that but few could be present. Dr. Washington was therefore amazed when, in company with Bishops Grant and Smith, Rev. Murray, Dr. Cary, S. Laing Williams, Theodore W. Jones, and others, he turned to face an audience that filled almost every space in the great auditorium of Bethel Church. The audience was largely made up of women and families, and some aged people, who for the first time were able to see and hear the man of whom they had heard, but had never seen.

Mr. Washington was again introduced by Bishop Grant, and spoke for over an hour words of real helpfulness and inspiration to the home makers of the people. In point of real helpfulness and spontaneous tribute of loyalty and confidence, this meeting was quite as important as the great meeting of the night previous.

The ladies and trustees of Bethel Church tendered Mr. Washington a hearty welcome and a splendidly served luncheon, after his inspiring address.



MR. S. LAING WILLIAMS,
Chicago, Ills.

What may be called the crowning event of Dr. Washington's coming to Chicago, was the complimentary banquet tendered to him by the local Business Men's League on Tuesday evening. This was the first attempt by the colored people of Chicago to serve a real up to date banquet outside of one of the regular first-class white hotels. This was wholly due to the fact that up to this time, the colored people had or controlled no place suitable for such functions.

Mr. Alexander Stephens has supplied this long-felt want in the beautiful cafe owned by him and known as "The Waldorf." In this spacious dining room, brilliant with electric lights and with all the twentieth century appointments was the occasion of the largest and most delightful testimonial of the kind ever tendered a colored citizen.

Eighty gentlemen, representative of the business and professional life of the city, participated in this testimonial of confidence and esteem to

Dr. Washington.

Mr. S. Laing Williams presided as toast-master, and the following named gentlemen responded eloquently to the following toasts:

"Our Critics," Theodore W. Jones.
"Opportunities," Dr. George C. Hall.
"The Colored Lawyer at the Chicago Bar," R. W. Mitchell.

"Mistaken Ideas," Mr. A. H. Roberts.

"What I saw at Tuskegee," Rev. M. H. Jackson.

"Barkis is Willing" W. H. A. Moore.

Mr. Manning, of Indianapolis, spoke of the prospects of the National Convention of the Negro Business League to be held in Indianapolis in August next.

The crowning event of the occasion was of course the address of Booker T. Washington. Although this made the third address he had delivered in Chicago, in two days, he spoke with a vigor, freshness and fervency that thrilled the entire group of the Chicago men surrounding him.

I enjoyed the privilege of sitting in the banquet hall and was an eye witness while I endeavored to interpret the spirit of this fellowship concourse

of successful and hopeful men in almost every walk of life open to men of color. If Mr. Washington were a vain man, he might easily have lost his sanity in the evidences of real hero worship that uttered itself in everything that was said and done on this night that must ever remain memorable to those who were a part of it.

Dr. Washington took his leave of Chicago for the east on Wednesday morning. He carried with him the blessings of a people who are generous enough to appreciate his message. His gospel of thrift, clean living, pride of self and courage can not fail to abide with us as a part of the spiritual forces that must make for better men and purer women.

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